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Crosby's golden gear recovered

OLYMPICS Sidney Crosby's missing stick and glove have been found.

Hockey Canada says Crosby's missing Olympic equipment were misplaced rather than stolen.

Crosby's stick was accidentally placed in a shipment bound for the International Ice Hockey Federation Hall of Fame in St. Petersburg, Russia, that ended up getting intercepted in Toronto.

And one of his gloves was put in a bag belonging to Patrice Bergeron, who sat beside him in the locker-room.

The items were misplaced in the chaos following Crosby's overtime goal in the Olympic gold-medal game Feb. 28.

After the gear went missing, an investigation was launched and Reebok put up a \$10,000 reward for the stick. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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'There is common sense'

Mom pleads for pedestrian safety on anniversary of daughter's death

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Four years after the death of her daughter, Tina Chaulk remains frustrated provincial and municipal officials are not making pedestrian safety more of a priority.

"The government still plays the 'they're responsible, no they're responsible' jumping around business, pass the buck," Chaulk told Metro yesterday. "It's extremely frustrating that you have to wait until someone dies or is seriously injured before they push again ... It's like anything — squeaky wheel gets greased, right?"

Four years ago today, 16-year-old Mary-Beth Chaulk was struck by a vehicle in a crosswalk as she attempted to cross Portland Street in Dartmouth. She was walking home from her job at an auto dealership to get ready for a hockey game later that evening.

She died in hospital the next day.

Today, Chaulk's mother is continuing to advocate for more education and the installation of "half-lights" — a stoplight that pedestrians can activate — at busier intersections.

"If I could cut through all the red tape ... (crosswalk safety) would be a mandatory part of drivers' ed," she said.



Tina Chaulk poses for a photo at the crosswalk where her daughter, Mary-Beth, pictured in inset, was killed four years ago.

"The simplest thing they could do is education."

Chaulk said she would be happy with something as simple as repainting crosswalk lines erased by winter salt and snowplows.

"If they would go out this summer and repaint every crosswalk, and do some

more education, I'd begin to be a little more pleased that they were doing something," she said. "How expensive is it, just to put in the budget to repaint them?"

But Chaulk is not just calling on the government to do more. She also wants

drivers and pedestrians to commute more safely.

"The other thing would be instead of everybody looking to the government to make the change, drive safer, walk safer," she said. "You can't wait for them to do everything, there is common sense."

Fewer tickets issued for failing to yield to pedestrians

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ENFORCEMENT Halifax Regional Police issued 144 tickets to drivers failing to yield to pedestrians last year.

That's 53 fewer tickets than 2006, the year 16-year-old Mary-Beth Chaulk was struck in a crosswalk and killed.

But police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said it's difficult to draw conclusions from the numbers.

"They jumped up (to 258) in 2007 — is that because all of a sudden (due to) certain things it became more of an issue, and we started focusing on it? Very likely," Palmeter said. "It's hard to really say 100 per cent."

The fine has also increased to \$682, he added.

Palmeter said he's sympathetic to people who think a fine is a light penalty for hitting a pedestrian, but added police only enforce the law.

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Spring ahead with daylight savings

People are reminded to turn their clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night as daylight saving time comes into effect at 2 a.m. on Sunday — which means another hour of daylight in the evening. A provincial government release yesterday also reminded people this annual time change is a good opportunity to replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

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Stranded boys rescued from ice

SAVED Three young boys are safe and sound following a rescue by Halifax firefighters after the trio wound up stuck on thinning ice on Frog Pog off Purcells Cove Road.

Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency spokesman Capt. Mike Blackburn said firefighters were called to the pond just before 7 p.m. yesterday after police informed them three people were out on the ice and couldn't make their way back to land.

He said several firefighters wearing emergency suits eventually made their way out to rescue the youth, who were estimated to be about 10 feet off shore. The boys were brought in safely on a floating life boat. There were no injuries.

Blackburn said the youth were on the ice for what he deemed recreational reasons. He said the incident is a reminder to everyone that with the warming temperatures, any ice on lakes is less and less safe.

"Common sense has to prevail," he said.

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Parents to be tried separately in death

COURT A Halifax couple will be tried separately on charges of manslaughter relating to the death of their infant daughter last summer.

Ashiqur Rahman is facing one count of manslaughter after the death of his seven-week-old child, Aurora Breakthrough, in July 2009. Jane Gomes faces two counts of manslaughter — one for criminal negligence in the death and a second for failing to provide the necessities of life.

Up until this week, the couple was to be tried together on charges of aggravated assault.

Crown attorney Denise Smith is now requesting those old charges be withdrawn.

"New charges of manslaughter were laid following ... (the) medical examiner's report as to the cause of death of the child," Smith told reporters outside Halifax provincial court yesterday after Rahman and Gomes made a brief court appearance.

The daughter of the common-law couple, who lived above the Good Food Emporium on Gottingen Street, was taken to the IWK Health Centre on July 24 with serious injuries. She died four days later.

Rahman's defence attorney, Don Murray, said he was upset at what he considers the Crown's attempt to "shovel ... under the rug" his client's earlier not-guilty plea on the initial charges.

He said his client will "vigorously contest" the charges.

"The police have called this murder, and then they called it aggravated assault, and now they've chosen manslaughter," Murray



Ashiqur Rahman is escorted to a van outside Halifax provincial court by a sheriff yesterday afternoon. Rahman is facing a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of his daughter Aurora Breakthrough last summer. His partner, Jane Gomes, faces two charges of manslaughter for failing to provide the necessities of life and criminal negligence causing death.

Accused

- The accused, from Bangladesh, were in Canada on student visas.

said. "He pleaded not guilty to (the aggravated-assault) charge. The Crown can't just ignore the fact that he has pleaded not guilty."

But Smith said the new charges were the result of the medical examiner's report.

"We've been clear all along at the time that the aggravated-assault charge was laid, the child was still alive," Smith said. "It was subsequent to that the death occurred, and we were waiting the report on the cause of death before



Jane Gomes

hearing takes place on April 23.

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Better security sought after court brawl

Dartmouth ruckus spurs lockdown

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The president of the Nova Scotia Crown Attorney's Association is calling for tougher security measures inside courtrooms after a brawl broke out yesterday morning in the lobby area of the Dartmouth provincial courthouse.

Rick Woodburn said the brawl came after a North Preston man was given a four-month sentence for weapons offences, including pointing a gun at someone. CBC reported last night the man sentenced was Tyrell Ramone Beals.

Woodburn said supporters of the accused and victim were in the courtroom, and shortly after sentencing, several fights broke out.

"It was 20 to 25 people brawling outside the courtroom," Woodburn said.

Halifax Regional Police say charges are pending from the brawl, with spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter saying "a few people received minor injuries," but no one was taken to hospital.

Palmeter said police were called after an officer on scene requested additional units.

Provincial Justice Department spokeswoman Sherri Aikenhead said eight sheriffs and one officer tried to

break up the fights. She said parts of the courthouse were also put in lockdown.

Aikenhead said the department has launched an investigation, but added a preliminary report shows the "sheriffs responded appropriately" to the situation.

However, Woodburn said the province isn't doing enough to keep Nova Scotia courthouses safe. He is calling for mandatory weapons-security systems to be put in place at each courthouse, like in Halifax. Metal detectors aren't a permanent fixture in Dartmouth as sheriffs do a risk assessment each day for their use.

"The fight today shows if had there been weapons, this would have been a totally different situation," he said.

Aikenhead said increased security measures have been put in place recently and the department is considering whether more are needed.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said some individuals from the courthouse went to the North Preston area where police were called before noon as people began to gather.

Taplin said nothing happened, but at 1:10 p.m. another group formed and "a fight between two females" took place. The crowd eventually dispersed and there were no arrests.

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Dexter to pay own bar fees

Premier forgoes expensing law society costs to taxpayers

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Premier Darrell Dexter said yesterday he will no longer expense his \$3,000-per-year bar fees to taxpayers.

But he still insists expensing the fees was above board and said he will not reimburse the public purse for past fees.

"I think these are legitimate business expenses that are covered in private business routinely," he told reporters yesterday.

But Dexter said controversy over the fees has made it harder for his government to communicate, so he thought it easier just to pay them himself.

"Simply put, this is getting in the way of us being able to communicate, I think, effectively on many of the other issues that have to be talked about," he said.

The government will be reimbursed for the last couple months of this year's bar fees of \$3,119. Starting next year Dexter will pay his own way and switch his bar status from active to inactive, dropping



Darrell Dexter answers questions from reporters in this file photo from January. Dexter said yesterday that he will now be paying his own bar society fees instead of them being covered by taxpayers.

ping the fees to about \$250.

All MLAs have the option of expensing their bar fees so that they can remain active lawyers. While previous members such as former Tory finance minister Michael Baker also expensed fees, Dexter is the only current lawyer in the house not paying his own way.

The Liberals in particular have been banging the drum on the fees issue since it was revealed in the auditor general's report last month. They've insisted Dexter should repay his past fees.

The premier initially said he would look into the fees issue but insisted there was nothing unethical. He announced he

would pick up the tab during a live radio interview yesterday on News 95.7 but said there is no reason to pay back past fees.

Dexter said he believes the matter picked up steam because of the expense scandal controversy.

"I think we're in an environment where any expenses, you know, this becomes a story," he said.

N.S. MLAs awarded Teddy for wasteful spending

TAXPAYERS Nova Scotia MLAs took the provincial category for their scandal over expenses in the 12th annual Canadian Taxpayers Federation Teddy spoof awards that were handed out yesterday.

The annual awards, first handed out in 1999, poke fun at wasteful spending at all levels of the government.

They are presented about the same time as the Oscars, by a tuxedo-clad emcee who reads out the nominations, then tears open an envelope to name the winner.

The Nova Scotia MLAs were singled out over their expenses which, between 2006 and 2009, included video games, cameras and, in one case, 11 computers for a single MLA.

"The Maritime MLAs had expensed just about everything under the sun."

The high-on-the-hog pensions enjoyed by federal MPs and their \$10 million in household mailouts were awarded golden pigs for both the federal and lifetime achievement categories.

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Older health records won't be in new database, say officials

PROJECT The province's new multimillion-dollar electronic health database will not contain people's existing health records, officials confirmed yesterday.

The oft-delayed project is supposed to merge all the provincial health databases into one easy-to-use system. But health officials told a public accounts committee meeting yesterday it would be too expensive and time consuming to digitize existing health records.

Instead the database will kick off with a two-month "memory" of medical histories and record everything going forward.

Health department chief information officer Sandra Cascadden said most doc-

Summer kickoff

- The system was supposed to kick off this month but officials now hope it will be ready by June. They said the delay was caused by H1N1 and preparation for a narrowly avoided union strike.

tors only look at the past year and a half of someone's history, unless it involves chronic problems. She said in those cases doctors could choose to upload more information.

However, while all hospital data will be automatically updated, only 298 of the province's approximately 2,000 physicians have chosen to invest in

hooking up to the system to send information. Doing so is optional.

"New doctors want it. They do not want to go back to the paper (system)," said deputy health minister Kevin McNamara. "Where we have some challenges is with some of the older physicians who are not used to using computers in any circumstance."

Cascadden said the new system will eventually make things much easier for patients, while saving the government money.

The province is contributing \$9 million to the project with the federal government footing the remaining \$19 million.

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Businesses firm on message of 'no tax increases'

ECONOMY The Canadian Federation of Independent Business said a roundtable discussion they hosted yesterday morning sent a clear message they don't want to see tax increases implemented by the province to help reduce the budget deficit.

A CFIB news release said

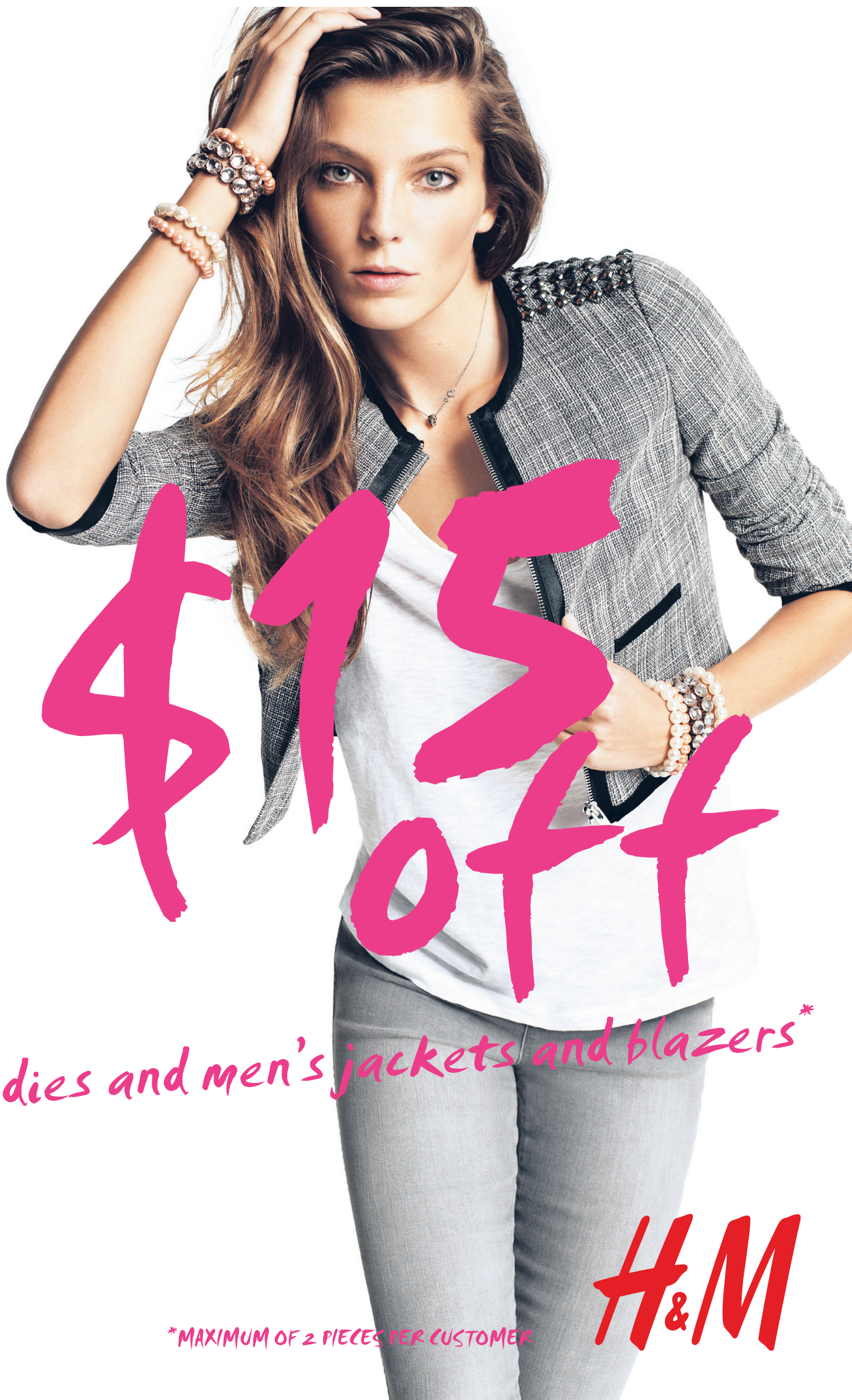
over 70 small-and-medium-sized business owners from across the province came out for the pre-budget consultation event in Halifax, which also included representation from the provincial government that wasn't an MLA.

Judith Andrew, CFIB's acting vice-president of At-

lantic Canada, said in a release they also have over 2,100 signatures on petitions "opposing increased taxes as a so-called solution to the financial mess."

The federation is calling for the province to aggressively control its expenses instead of tax increases.

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Cape Breton's Highway 105 has a new name — Mabel and Alexander Graham Bell Way. MLA Gordie Gosse, on behalf of Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Bill Estabrooks, announced the designation in Baddeck yesterday at the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site. **METRO HALIFAX**

Assault suspect sketch released

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Halifax Regional Police has released the sketch of a man they say sexually assaulted a woman last month in the city's south end.

Police say the 4 a.m. assault on Sunday, Feb. 7 happened as the 20-year-old victim and her friend were walking home in the area of

Queen and Morris streets. Police say a man reached under the victim's skirt and touched her when he approached them.

When confronted by the victim, police say the suspect produced a small pipe-like object and threatened both women.

Police say the suspect was scared off when an unknown man approached

from the area of Morris Street. Neither woman was injured.

A few days after the incident, police issued a warning to the public to be aware this incident took place.

"At this point, we don't have any information of any other incidents," police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said of the sus-



Suspect sketch

pect. "What we're trying to do is identify him in regards to this matter, and once we identify him, that may lead to other things."

Police describe the suspect as white, about 26 years old and 170 pounds with a round face, scruffy hair and an athletic build. He was wearing a black stocking or toque-style hat, blue jeans and a black fall jacket.

CFL Touchdown Atlantic



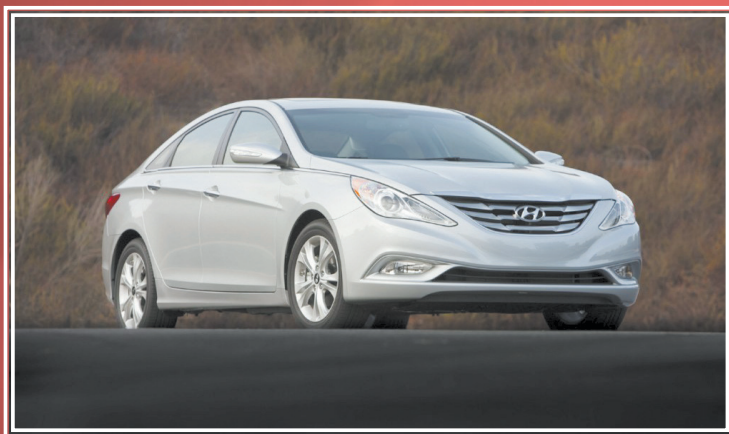
Defensive tackle Adriano Belli of the Toronto Argonauts gets his photo taken yesterday with 18-year-old Alyssa Fitzmorris of Lake Echo at the IWK Health Centre. Belli visited patients yesterday as part of a Halifax stop to promote next year's Touchdown Atlantic regular season CFL game between the Argos and Edmonton Eskimos at the new Moncton Stadium on Sept. 26.

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Rogers Communications can stay in Fenwick Tower

SITE The residents of Purcells Cove Road won't lose their backyard tree line after all.

Coun. Linda Mosher sent a release yesterday saying she is "thrilled" to hear that Rogers Communications Inc. does not need to remove their communications tower from Fenwick Tower.

On Tuesday night, Mosher presented a petition re-

questing that Rogers stop construction on a 40-metre communications tower on the land adjacent to 451 Purcells Cove Rd.

In the release, Mosher said it is "unfortunate" that the owners of Fenwick Tower, Templeton Properties, were accused of evicting Rogers, and that she hopes Rogers will agree to stay.

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Five facing charges after drug bust

CRIME Police say five people face drug charges after several seizures related to the surveillance of a home near the Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

Halifax RCMP say they were watching the residence on Highway 2 in Wellington Tuesday when someone put something in the trunk of a vehicle.

When they stopped the vehicle down the highway, police seized 2.3 kilograms of marijuana.

The same sequence of events involving another vehicle yielded half a kilogram of pot and some cocaine.

Four men and a woman face charges of possession and trafficking.

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News in brief

MISSING A search has been launched in a specific area of Sydney for a missing man. Ian Douglas Murray hasn't been seen since early last week. Cape Breton Regional Police say a personal item belonging to the 32-year-old was found in

the area of Terminal Road Tuesday. A police dog unit and a ground search and rescue team are scouring that area. Police said Murray's mother and girlfriend want to contact him because of health issues he has.

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Officials are expressing concern after a coyote sighting outside a school in southern Cape Breton. The principal of the Tamarac Education Centre in Port Hawkesbury, Jack MacDonald, says a parent spotted two coyotes near the woods at the front of the school on Tuesday. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

News in brief

PORT Another busy cruise ship season is on the horizon for Halifax. The Port of Halifax announced yesterday that the upcoming cruise ship season between late April and the end of October is expected to welcome over 240,000 passengers. Some highlights include nine inaugural calls of new cruise ships coming into port, two new cruise lines bringing the total to 21 that visit, and that the average ship will carry about 2,000 passengers. "The Port of Halifax has a significant economic impact, bringing an estimated expenditure of \$50 million from passenger, crew, and cruise lines each year to our area," Cathy McGrail, manager of Cruise Development of the Halifax Port Authority, said in a release. **METRO HALIFAX**

STRIKE A group of child-care workers in Halifax has voted in favour of a strike. The 50 workers, members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, held a strike vote Tuesday night. They are employed at five St. Joseph's Children's Centres. Naomi Stewart, a CUPE representative, says early childhood educators in Nova Scotia are among the lowest paid in the country. But she says contract talks have failed to yield any commitment on a wage increase. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada's national drinking sport? Not to these guys

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The days of curlers being associated with beer, cigars and donuts are long gone, at least at the top level.

The last 10 to 15 years has seen a revolution in fitness in the sport, and those who haven't kept up aren't likely to make the Brier.

"I think curlers know the game of going back and drinking a hundred beers with a pot belly, those days are gone," said Ontario skip Glenn Howard.

"That being said, the quality of the game is so much better because of it."

Howard said teams are realizing that having the strength and stamina to sweep a rock a few more inches can be the difference between winning and



Newfoundland third Mark Nichols, left, and lead Jamie Korab sweep skip Brad Gushue's rock during a match against British Columbia on Tuesday. Nichols, who works as a fitness director, is one of many curlers who are dedicated to being physically fit.

losing. He chalks the "huge, huge difference" in the sport up to its induc-

tion in the Olympics in 1998. Manitoba skip Jeff Stoughton agrees, saying

"Guys realized that this is an Olympic sport, we've got to pretend we look like we're athletes."

Manitoba skip Jeff Stoughton

he noticed things change around the first Olympic trials.

"Guys realized that this is an Olympic sport, we've got to pretend we look like we're athletes," he laughed.

Stoughton said the game today is fundamentally different than in the 1980s, when beer bellies and curling went hand in hand.

While they used corn brooms and had poorer ice, today's game is played on near-perfect ice with top of the line equipment.

There are also more rocks in play, which calls for more takeouts.

Newfoundland third

Mark Nichols is renowned for his accuracy with heavy-weight takeouts.

It's no coincidence that his day job is a fitness director at a St. John's gym.

"It definitely helps, I'm working with a lot of intelligent people in the field," he said.

Nichols said more core strength improves balance and ultimately control.

Sweeping for a week-long tournament also takes stamina.

"We're working our butts off out there for almost three hours, two or three times a day," he said.

"If you want to compete at the top level you've got to be in good shape."



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The 3D-TV war is officially on in Canada. Samsung is the first out of the gate to announce its plans to launch the new technology in Canada and will have 3D TVs on the market by the end of the month. Samsung will initially sell five different models priced between \$2,499 and \$3,999. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada

Feds billed \$1,000 for light switch

Federal contract workers charged the feds \$5,266 to install six potlights and \$1,000 to replace a light switch. Details of other incredibly costly charges were splashed across two pages in Montreal's *La Presse* yesterday. Current Public Works Minister Rona Ambrose, left, says the expenses were over the top, and she wants the contracts reviewed.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



Seal meal draws protests

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

Forget the Winter Olympics, what really unites Canada's parliamentarians is a bit of furry sea mammal.

MPs and senators of all stripes broke bread yesterday at a special luncheon on Parliament Hill, united by a menu that featured seal meat.

It's the first time seal has been served in the 100-year history of the parliamentary restaurant.

The event was staged by Liberal Senator Celine Hervieux-Payette to show support for Canada's beleaguered seal industry, which is facing a European ban.

Fisheries Minister Gail Shea and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff were among MPs from all four parties who attended.

Outside Parliament Hill, activists, including members of the Ottawa Animal Defense League, protested

Canada's seal hunt.

"We're here to represent the majority of Canadians who want to see the seal hunt ended, and who want to point out what this luncheon really is, which is a political stunt to try to raise the profile of certain politicians and try to get votes from Atlantic Canada in the next election," said Sheryl Fink of the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

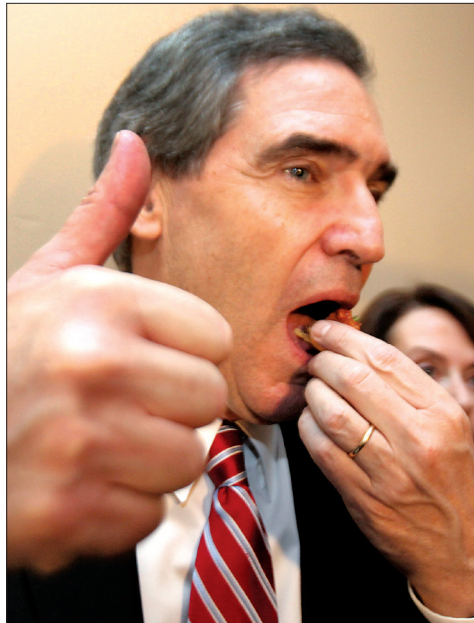
She added: "I do think sealers would be better served by a government that would help (them) transition into other forms of employment and income."

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"The evidence just wasn't there":
Police defend investigation of
ex-MP Rahim Jaffer. Scan this code
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Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff gives the thumbs up as he eats a seal-meal appetizer at an event marking the first time seal meat was served in the Parliamentary restaurant in Ottawa yesterday.

Quebec rights commission opens racial-profiling probe

POLICING Quebec's human rights commission is launching hearings into racial profiling in the province because it believes minorities are unfairly targeted by authorities.

"Some might say that there is no racial profiling ... that Quebecers are not racist and not discriminating and others might say that they are," commission president

Gaetan Cousineau said yesterday. "We believe that it exists and we affirm it in this document and we've seen examples ... there are consequences and as a society we should be able to make it better and change that."

Cousineau was referring to a document published by the commission that contains interviews with 150 teens and young adults who complained about racial profiling.

Many of them were

Other areas

- Police in Kingston, Ont., conducted a study of its police force's arrest practices and found evidence of profiling in 2005.
- Toronto's top cop acknowledged in an extensive Toronto Star study that racial profiling is a factor with policing in the city.

afraid to come forward and were frustrated by attempts to seek justice.

Cousineau said the time is ripe for a productive discussion on the subject, and that the commission has dealt with at least 100 complaints of racial profiling since 2005.

Seven of those cases remained stalled at tribunal level because of tactics by Montreal police and the city, Cousineau said. Others have been settled.

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News in brief

SECURITY A U.S. firm whose ranks boast top Israeli and American security experts has won a \$240,000-contract to design the new Canadian air passenger behaviour screening program. ASERO Worldwide, based in Washington, D.C., will train Canadian airport employees in the art of sussing out the suspicious behaviours of would-be terrorists or criminals. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

35 charged across Ontario in child porn bust

CHARGES A co-ordinated investigation into child pornography in Ontario resulted in charges against 35 people, police announced yesterday.

Two child victims, one in the province, the other outside Canada, were "rescued," police said, although they refused to provide details.

"This is a crime that, to

me, is one of the most heinous one human being can commit against another," said Ontario Police Commissioner Julian Fantino.

The charges follow weeks of legwork involving 18 police services that are part of a provincewide initiative to combat child pornography.

In all, 44 search warrants

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One accused had more than six million images stored on his computer.

were executed, leading to 122 child-porn and other charges. Police said the individuals charged were not part of any ring.

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Disabled Canadian beaten in Australia

SYDNEY Shellan Proden was struggling yesterday to comprehend why someone would attack her son in a wheelchair and beat him for several minutes in an assault captured by a surveillance camera halfway around the world.

"I can't believe a human being would do that to someone else," Proden said from her home in Winnipeg Beach, 60 kilometres north of Winnipeg. "It's

like a savage."

Proden's 35-year-old son, whom she doesn't want identified, was visiting his girlfriend in Sydney, Australia.

He was waiting for a train late Tuesday night, according to New South Wales police, when he was approached by two young men who punched him in the face and knocked him from his wheelchair.

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MPs approve federal budget in key confidence vote

The House of Commons has voted in principle to support the federal budget. MPs voted 142-132 yesterday in a confidence motion on the budget. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Jean offers thanks to Dominicans for Haiti aid

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean, a "daughter" of the island of Hispaniola, offered Canada's thanks to the Dominican Republic yesterday for helping to facilitate relief efforts after the cataclysmic earthquake that shattered its Haitian neighbour.

Jean followed two days of visits in the broken country of her birth with a diplomatic stop in the Dominican capital of Santo Domingo, where she met with President Leonel Fernandez and members of his cabinet at the presiden-

tial palace.

"Canada was very impressed by the work of the Dominican Republic in disaster efforts," Jean said, describing herself as "a daughter of this island" who was impressed by the resilience of the Haitian survivors she met during her trip.

She was equally impressed with the willingness of countries like the Dominican to step up and lend a hand, she added.

"The message to them is that they are not alone."

Jean also stressed the

Canadian government's message that the Dominican will be a strategic partner as Canada focuses on Latin America as a foreign-policy priority. She cited the combined efforts of the two countries following the quake as a prime example.

"The Dominican Republic is a key actor in the region," she said in Spanish. "The catastrophe that occurred in Haiti gives us the chance to reinforce the links between Canada and the Dominican Republic."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta premier can't duck photos

OILSANDS A Greenpeace activist has marched up the steps of the Alberta legislature and provided Premier Ed Stelmach with pictures of ducks struggling in a northern Alberta oilsands tailings pond.

Earlier this week, Stelmach said he hadn't seen images of the 1,600 ducks that died after landing on a Syncrude Canada sludge

pond. But a day later he said he saw pictures around the time the ducks landed in April 2008, but hadn't seen recent photos released during Syncrude's trial on environmental charges.

Greenpeace spokesman Mike Hudema says it's time for Stelmach to stop hiding from the images of the sludge-covered ducks.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

MINING A coalition of Canadian mining watchdog groups yesterday sent documents to the RCMP in conjunction with a request that the Mounties investigate the activities of Calgary-based Blackfire Exploration Ltd. and its Mexican operations. The groups allege the company should be probed under the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act.

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A global Internet oversight agency is reopening discussions about whether to create a ".xxx" domain name as an online red-light district where porn sites can set up shop away from the wandering eyes of children and teenagers. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

World

Biden rebukes Israel

U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden's displeasure over an Israeli plan to enlarge an east Jerusalem settlement was on display yesterday as he warned against actions that "incline tensions" and reassured his Palestinian hosts that they deserve a sustainable, independent state.

'Jihad Jane' held in plot

The self-described "Jihad Jane" who thought her blond hair and blue eyes would let her blend in as she sought to kill an artist in Sweden is a rare case of an American woman aiding foreign terrorists and shows the evolution of the global threat, authorities say.

The suburban Philadelphia woman, Colleen R. LaRose, is accused in the indictment filed Tuesday of actively recruiting fighters, as well as agreeing to murder the artist, marry a terrorism suspect so he could move to Europe and martyr herself if necessary.

LaRose is "one of only a few such cases nationwide in which females have been charged with terrorism violations," said U.S. Department of Justice spokesman Dean Boyd.

LaRose, 46, of Pennsburg, Pa., but with close ties to south Texas, has been held without bail since her Oct. 15 arrest in Philadelphia.

LaRose had targeted Swedish artist Lars Vilks and had online discussions about her plans with at least one of several suspects apprehended over that plot Tuesday in Ireland, according to a U.S. official speaking on condition of



LaRose

an American woman married to one of the Algerian suspects.

A U.S. Department of Justice spokesman wouldn't confirm the case is related to Vilks, who angered Muslims by depicting the Prophet Muhammad with the body of a dog.

At least three Swedish

anonymity.

Irish police said yesterday those arrested were two Algerians, two Libyans, a Palestinian, a Croatian and a

newspapers published the cartoon yesterday, arguing that it had news value or was a free-speech symbol.

The indictment charges that LaRose, who also used the name Fatima LaRose as her online moniker, agreed to kill the target on orders from the unnamed terrorists she met online, and travelled to Europe in August to do so.

LaRose indicated in her online conversations that she thought her blond hair and blue eyes would help her move freely in Sweden to carry out the attack, the indictment said.

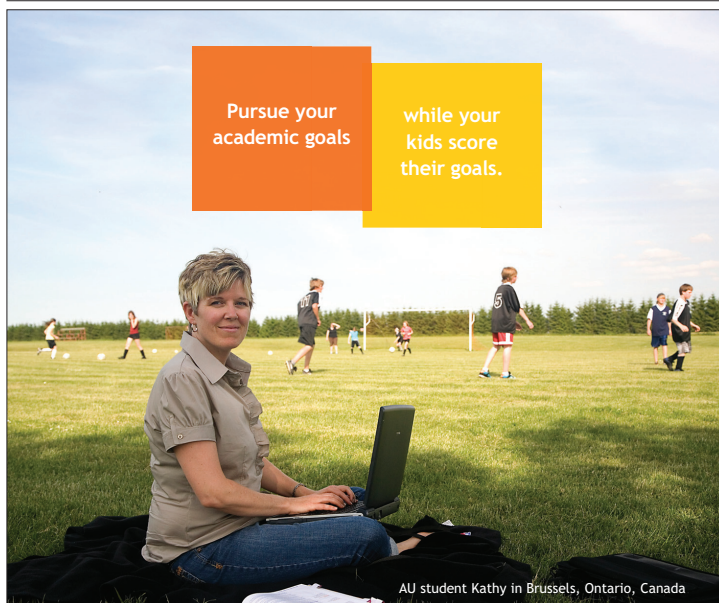
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News in brief

TOYOTA Reports of sudden acceleration in the Toyota Prius have spiked across the U.S., but

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Sex cliché rings true: Researchers

RESEARCH Men are more likely than women to be interested in sex, have sex and enjoy sex, according to new scientific research, which also found people who stay active and healthy enjoy longer sex lives.

Research by University of Chicago published yesterday in the British Medical Journal found that, across all age groups, men were more interested in sex than women. "Overall, men were more likely than women to be sexually active, report a good quality sex life, and be interested in sex," the researchers found. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sarkozy, Bruni stepping out?

FRANCE Rumours are swirling that both French President Nicolas Sarkozy and wife Carla Bruni have strayed. Bruni has been linked with a pop star; the president with a junior minister. The story broke on Twitter, but was quickly picked up by reputable French outlets. The story is that Bruni is in love with singer Benjamin Biolay, and Sarkozy with Chantal Jouanno, a junior minister for ecology.

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Alleged domestic abuse? Tickle fights? What's the deal with New York politics? Scan this code for the story.

Conference to turn plans into action to save forests

French President Nicolas Sarkozy will open a daylong conference today of some 40 nations to start turning plans into action to save the world's forests and help rein in the noxious gases blamed for climate change. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



The spokesman of the diocese Regensburg in Germany, Clemens Neck, stands in front of a painting of Pope John Paul II yesterday.

Crisis brewing for papacy?

Church abuse scandals in Germany have reached the older brother of Pope Benedict XVI and are creeping ever closer to the pontiff himself.

While there has been no suggestion of wrongdoing by Benedict, the launch of an inquiry by German Catholic officials after his brother admitted he slapped children years ago is stirring Vatican fears of a major crisis for the papacy.

Benedict, 82, was archbishop of Munich from 1977 to 1982 when he was brought to the Vatican to head the body responsible for investigating abuse cases.

During that time, he came under criticism for decreeing that even the most serious abuse cases must first be investigated internally.

Since then, Benedict has taken a strong stand against abuse by clerics in the Roman Catholic Church.

Just weeks before he became pope, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger caused a stir when he denounced

"filth" in the church and among priests — a condemnation taken as a reference to clerical sex abuse.

German church officials said yesterday they will examine what — if anything — Benedict knew about abuse during his time as Munich archbishop.

The Regensburg diocese told The Associated Press it will investigate allegations of physical and sexual abuse that have swirled around a renowned choir led by the Benedict's brother, the Rev. Georg Ratzinger. So far, the sex abuse allegations predate Georg Ratzinger's term as choir director.

Vatican officials have been unable to hide their alarm about the possible implications for the papacy. "There is certainly the suspicion that there are some out there out to damage the church and the pope," said a Vatican official, speaking anonymously because of the sensitivity of the matter.

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Turkish officials lower quake death toll, citing wrong reports

TURKEY Turkish officials yesterday lowered the death toll in this week's magnitude-6 earthquake from 51 to 41.

A statement issued by the governor's office in the eastern province of Elazig said erroneous reporting was responsible for the earlier toll in Monday's temblor.

NTV and Haberturk television said there was duplicate counting in cases where the maiden surnames and married surnames of the same women

were reported as belonging to different victims.

The Anatolia news agency said one male victim was also counted twice because he had changed his name.

Anatolia also said some victims were not registered in written records, and relatives had to identify them and provide names.

The quake hit remote villages in Elazig before dawn, burying sleeping people in their beds.

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Nearly half of babies in U.S. born to minorities

NUMBERS Minorities make up nearly half the children born in the United States, part of a historic trend in which minorities are expected to become the U.S. majority over the next 40 years.

In fact, demographers say this year could be the "tipping point" when the number of babies born to minorities outnumbers that of babies born to whites.

The numbers are growing because immigration to the U.S. has boosted the number of Hispanic women in their prime childbearing years. Minorities made up 48 per cent of U.S. children born in 2008, the latest available census estimates, compared to 37 per cent in 1990.

"Census projections suggest America may become a minority-majority country by the middle of the

century. For America's children, the future is now," said Kenneth Johnson, a sociology professor at the University of New Hampshire who researched many of the racial trends in a paper being released today. The U.S. study comes a day after Statistics Canada predicted that the proportion of visible minorities in Canada will explode in the next few decades. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

News in brief

SETTLEMENT Eleven adopted and foster children forced to sleep in cages by their adoptive parents have reached a \$1.2-million settlement with the Ohio county where they once lived.

ROBBERY They say crime doesn't pay. For one robber in California, it did — but not much. Authorities in Riverside County say a woman with a gun robbed 11 customers at a market and got away with \$6.

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Consider overshare consequences

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What if I used this space to share something inappropriately personal?

I constantly guard against offering too much of myself in this column. I know the circulation numbers. I know the score. I know that you, the person

holding this paper, are likely a stranger.

That said, I am tempted to overshare online, lulled into a false sense of security that, on Facebook and Twitter, I am "among friends."

My overshares are generally benign minutiae ("This egg salad sandwich is so awesome!"). But many who overshare do it without a filter.

Chances are you would never tell a stranger on the bus about a graphic medical condition or the details of your divorce. And, yet, these are all things that people have shared on

Facebook, on message boards and on their blogs.

What is it that compels us to overshare online?

"We are in an age where we repeatedly see the purported benefits of oversharing. I call it 'peep culture,'" says

Hal Niedzviecki, author of the recently published book *The Peep Diaries: How We're*

Learning To Love Watching Ourselves And Our Neighbors.

"In pop culture, we are entertained by chosen celebrities who perform for us. In peep culture, we are entertained by random people around the world who let us peep into their lives. These are the friends, family, and strangers we spend time looking at on Facebook, blogs, YouTube, Twitter, Flickr, reality TV, Chatroulette, etc.

Lindsay Lohan's tweets often precede her

The more we see (overshars) being rewarded with attention, extended networks, even money and celebrity, the more it becomes natural for us to overshare and see if we, too, can enjoy some of the benefits..."

Oversharing is a way to get attention, certainly (See: Tila Tequila). But what about those who use social media to rally support during a difficult time? And what if that information falls into less-than-kind hands?

"It's a dangerous thing to use your life and other people's lives as mass media entertainment," says

Niedzviecki. "It becomes very easy to forget that these are real people with real lives ... what they say and do, and what you say and do in response, can really hurt them. We're extending a natural human tendency — to share, to reach out and connect with others — into a very unnatural space..."

Before broadcasting your life, consider the consequences of offering pieces of yourself to anyone who will listen.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Good news, bad news — 15 years later

GlobalView

Mona Eltahawy

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In 1995, I joined hundreds of women from around the world in Beijing, China, to attend the UN conference on women. It was the third conference of its kind after one in Mexico City and Nairobi, each a decade apart.

So, are things any better for women, worldwide, 15 years after the Beijing Declaration and the Beijing Platform for Action?

First the bad news. Women's nominal wages are 17 per cent lower than men's. Women perform 66

per cent of the world's work, produce 50 per cent of the food, but earn 10 per cent of the income and own one per cent of the property, according to the United Nations Children's Fund.

While much deserved criticism is lobbed at the Arab world (where I am from) for its abysmal record of women's rights — women's economic participation is at a lowly 33 per cent, for example: The lowest in the world — industrialized countries can't brag too much either when it comes to women and the economy.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) told rich nations in a report it issued to coincide with International Women's Day that they should do more to cut the pay gap between men

and women. Its report showed that women in rich nations on average earn nearly one-fifth less than men.

The pay gap was widest in Korea and Japan, where men earned more than 30 per cent more than women; Germany, Canada and the United Kingdom were the next worst performers with a pay gap of more than 20 per cent. Belgium and New Zealand, which had pay gaps of less than 10 per cent, performed the best.

The good news is that the OECD found the percentage of working women had increased to 62 per cent in 2008, from 45 per cent in 1970. But women in nearly all countries spent at least twice as much time as men taking care of children or other relatives, leaving

them with shrinking schedules that allow for only part-time or lower-paying jobs.

Work at home or involving family care is not remunerated, of course, and so as long as women remain primary caretakers and those who sacrifice careers for home, that lower pay cycle will continue both outside and inside the home.

I have lived in the U.S. for 10 years now. How does my new home fare when it comes to equal pay for equal work? Quite badly. Today, women earn 77 cents for every dollar a man is paid. In 1972, it was around 49 cents to the dollar.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



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Who cares about age?

Jacobs' rink may be young, but they're in contention

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Brad Jacobs and his Northern Ontario teammates are showing they belong at the Tim Hortons Brier.

The youngest rink at the Canadian men's curling championship by a wide margin — featuring the youngest skip and nobody older than age 26 — continues to hang in playoff contention in its Brier debut, sitting near the top of the leaderboard with a 7-2 record heading into the final day of round-robin play at the Metro Centre.

Jacobs, a 24-year-old who is employed as a home-theatre expert at Future Shop, finds his name alongside curlers he grew up idolizing, such as Ontario's Glenn Howard and Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton.

"This has definitely been the thrill of our careers so far," Jacobs said. "We've gotten the nerves from playing the big-name teams

out of the way. We chum around with them out there, and to chum around with your childhood idols is such a cool feeling."

Northern Ontario downed Nova Scotia's Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc 7-2 yesterday afternoon and took down P.E.I.'s Rod MacDonald 7-6 in the evening.

The talk coming into the Brier was all about former champions Howard and Stoughton as well as 2006 Olympic gold-medallist Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador and World Curling Tour star Kevin Koe of Alberta.

Jacobs has moved past Stoughton, 5-4, and is in excellent position to advance, locked in a three-way tie for second with Gushue and Koe behind unbeaten Howard, 9-0.

The top four teams make the playoffs.

"I think probably the fans are surprised, but I'm not surprised with the way we've played," Jacobs said.

The foursome from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., faces a tough test today when it faces Gushue in the morning and Quebec's Serge Reid (5-4) in the afternoon.

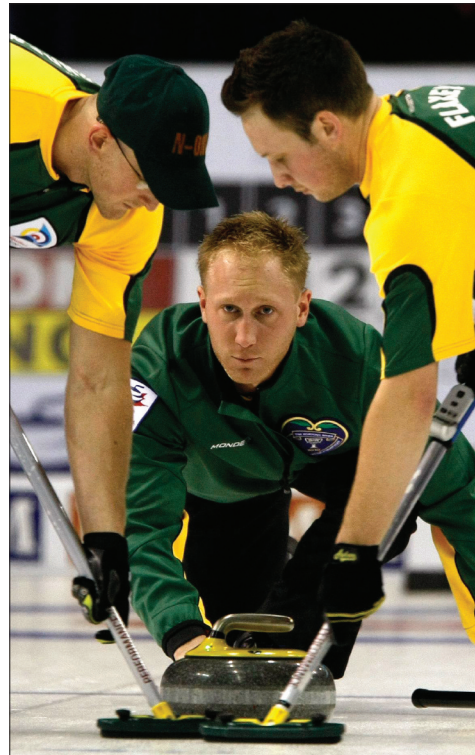
Jacobs, who made his Brier debut in 2007 as a third and went again in 2008 as an alternate, is hoping to become the first Northern Ontario rink to win the Brier since Al Hackner did it in 1985 and the first to make the playoffs since 1993.

"We're coming in here feeling virtually no pressure," Jacobs said.

"We know Northern Ontario hasn't done very well in the past, but we have a lot to prove and so far we've done a pretty good job of it."

"... To chum around with your childhood idols is such a cool feeling."

Brad Jacobs



Team Northern Ontario skip Brad Jacobs, middle, makes a shot against Team Ontario during the third draw of the 2010 Tim Hortons Brier on Sunday.

BRIER GLANCE

Results after Draw 14 yesterday from the 2010 Tim Hortons Brier at the MetroCentre:

| PROVINCE (SKIP) | W | L |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Ontario (G. Howard) | 9 | 0 |
| Alberta (K. Koe) | 7 | 2 |
| N.L. (Gushue) | 7 | 2 |
| Northern Ont. (Jacobs) | 7 | 2 |
| Manitoba (Stoughton) | 5 | 4 |
| Quebec (Reid) | 5 | 4 |
| Saskatchewan (McKee) | 4 | 5 |
| New Brunswick (Grattan) | 3 | 6 |
| B.C. (Richard) | 3 | 6 |
| N.S. (FITZNER-LEBLANC) | 2 | 7 |
| P.E.I. (MacDonald) | 1 | 8 |
| NWT/Yukon (L. Koe) | 1 | 8 |

— clinched 1-2 page playoff berth.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

DRAW 12
Saskatchewan 7 British Columbia 3
Ontario 9 Newfoundland & Labrador 5
Nova Scotia 10 Prince Edward Island 8
Alberta 7 Quebec 6

DRAW 13
Northern Ontario 7 Nova Scotia 2
Alberta 6 New Brunswick 3
British Columbia 10 Yukon/Northwest Terr. 4
Newfoundland & Labrador 5 Manitoba 3

DRAW 14
New Brunswick 7 Quebec 2
Northern Ontario 7 Prince Edward Island 6
Ontario 8 Manitoba 4
Saskatchewan 13 Yukon/Northwest Terr. 4

TUESDAY RESULTS

NINTH DRAW
Manitoba 10 Yukon/Northwest Terr. 3
Quebec 10 Saskatchewan 2
Northern Ontario 7 New Brunswick 2
Ontario 8 Prince Edward Island 2

DRAW 10
Newfoundland & Labrador 7 British Columbia 5
Nova Scotia 13 Alberta 8
Ontario 9 Saskatchewan 5
Quebec 8 Prince Edward Island 7 (extra end)

DRAW 11
Alberta 7 Manitoba 2
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 New Brunswick 3
Northern Ontario 7 British Columbia 3
Yukon/Northwest Terr. 7 Nova Scotia 2

TODAY'S GAMES

DRAW 15, 10:30 A.M.
Alberta vs. Yukon/Northwest Terr.; Nova Scotia vs. Manitoba; Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Northern Ontario; New Brunswick vs. British Columbia.

DRAW 16, 3 P.M.
Prince Edward Island vs. New Brunswick; Quebec vs. Northern Ontario; Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba; Yukon/Northwest Terr. vs. Ontario.

DRAW 17, 7:30 P.M.
Newfoundland & Labrador vs. Quebec; British Columbia vs. Prince Edward Island; Alberta vs. Ontario; Saskatchewan vs. Nova Scotia.

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Stoughton, Howard on opposite ends of playoff spectrum

MATTHEW WUEST
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ROUNDUP Things went from bad to worse for Manitoba's Jeff Stoughton yesterday.

Chasing his third Brier title and first in more than a decade, the 46-year-old former world champion started the day in a strong position for a playoff spot with a 5-2 record at the Tim Hortons Brier at the

Metro Centre.

He ended it with setbacks against two of the top teams in the world and with a grim outlook for a playoff spot.

Stoughton lost 8-4 to first-place Glenn Howard of Ontario (9-0) last night and 5-3 to second-place Brad Gushue of Newfoundland and Labrador (7-2) in the afternoon and is now tied for fifth at 5-4 with Quebec's Serge Reid.

The top four teams make

the playoffs.

"When you're not making many shots, you're going to get your asses kicked like we did there," said a frustrated Stoughton after the Howard

loss. "That's just the way it goes. We're not putting eight shots in a row together at all."

er at all."

While everything was going wrong for Stoughton, everything continued to go right for Howard, who scored four in the first end and never looked back.

He's already clinched a spot in the 1-2 Page Playoff game, giving him two cracks at getting to the final.

"My guys are making a ton of shots right now," said Howard, who last won

the Brier in 2007. "I can feel the confidence coming all the time."

Gushue also fell victim to Howard in the morning, losing 9-5. He was relieved to get the win over Stoughton in the afternoon.

"It was my worst performance of the week (against Howard) and I took a lot of blame for that," Gushue said.

"But (I'm) really happy with the way I rebounded."



Jeff Stoughton

Brier in brief

MAYFLOWER Nova Scotia has crawled out of the basement at the Tim Hortons Brier.

Mayflower's Ian Fitzner-LeBlanc split a pair of games yesterday at the Metro Centre, beating P.E.I.'s Rod MacDonald 10-8 in the morning and losing to Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs 7-2 in the afternoon. Nova Scotia, 2-7, is just ahead of MacDonald and Jamie Koe of Northwest/Yukon territories. Those teams are tied for last at 1-8.

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Lions take lead

The Halifax Lions have grabbed a 2-1 edge in the Maritime Junior A Hockey League's Bent Division semifinal. The Lions earned a 2-1 victory over the Pictou County Weeks Crushers last night in New Glasgow to take control of the best-of-seven series. Game 4 is tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Forum. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Sports



Nomar retires from Red Sox

Nomar Garciaparra, left, rejoined the Red Sox for one day and then retired, ending a 14-year career in which he won two batting titles with Boston and was once a beloved player in the city. The shortstop signed a one-day contract with his former team yesterday before announcing he's leaving baseball at 36 to become an ESPN analyst.

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Blindside hits face a crackdown

NHL general managers have agreed on a rule to penalize blindside hits to the head, looking to protect its talent in a game they acknowledge has become faster and more prone to collisions in recent years.

The GMs want referees to call a minor or major penalty for any hit where the primary point of contact is the head.

The penalty is subject to approval from the competition committee, which is composed of five players, five GMs and Philadelphia

Flyers owner Ed Snider. But that's not expected to be a problem since the GMs have agreed on the proposal and the players have already signalled their support.

The new rule, which has not yet been given a specific name, could take effect next season. The proposed wording is:

"A lateral, back pressure or blindside hit to an opponent where the head is targeted and/or is the principal point of contact is not permitted. A violation of the above will result in a



"We are shifting some of the responsibility from the player getting hit to the player delivering the hit ..."

Colin Campbell

minor or major penalty and shall be reviewed for possible supplemental discipline."

The rule recommendation signals a shift in thinking by the GMs, who showed little interest a year ago when the NHL Players' Association proposed such a penalty. It

could also mark a cultural change for a sport that has traditionally placed the onus on a player receiving a hit to protect himself.

"Basically, we are taking a completely legal hit with the shoulder and saying from a certain aspect in the future that is going to be an illegal hit if delivered to

the head," league disciplinarian Colin Campbell said yesterday as three days of meetings wrapped up on Florida's Atlantic coast.

"We are shifting some of the responsibility from the player getting hit to the player delivering the hit now, which was never a part of our game. Since you grew up, you always had to have your head up. You'd get crap from your dad if you got hit while watching your pass. But now, there is some responsibility on the guy delivering the hit."

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Tigers to face Dinos Friday

VOLLEYBALL The Dalhousie Tigers will face the Calgary Dinos in the quarterfinals at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's volleyball championship on Friday.

The Tigers, who just won their 24th straight Atlantic University Sport crown, head to Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, B.C., as the third seed. The Dinos, the sixth seed, went 13-5 this season and placed third in Canada West.

The Tigers are looking to improve upon last year's fifth-place finish and first final appearance since 1997.

Two members of the Tigers were honoured as all-Canadians yesterday. Fourth-year outside hitter Sander Ratsep, already AUS most valuable player, cracked the first team, while fourth-year middle Max Burt made the second team.

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Rainmen sign centre

PBL The Halifax Rainmen made yet another roster move yesterday, signing six-foot-11 centre Larry Turner.

Turner, who played NCAA Division I for Oklahoma and Tennessee State, has bounced around with various professional teams since signing a two-year contract with the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers out of college in 2007.

The Rainmen, who visit the two-time defending Premier Basketball League champion Rochester Razor-Sharks on Saturday, cut Cameron Stanley to open up roster space.

"We're getting our butt kicked on the offensive boards," said Rainmen owner Andre Levingston. "We need someone to come in and take rebounding personally. Larry likes to rebound and block shots, he's a good defender and he's a big body."

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NHL Fighting for the puck



Bryce Salvador of the New Jersey Devils clears the puck from behind the net against Brandon Prust of the New York Rangers at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J., last night. Rob Niedermayer, Jamie Langenbrunner and Brian Rolston scored as the Devils won 6-3.

SCOREBOARD

NHL

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Buffalo 5 Dallas 3
Chicago 3 Los Angeles 2 (OT)
New Jersey 6 N.Y. Rangers 3
Washington 4 Carolina 3 (OT)
Vancouver at Phoenix

TODAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Ottawa at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Charlotte 102 Philadelphia 87
Dallas 96 New Jersey 87
Denver 110 Minnesota 102
Memphis 111 Boston 91
Miami 108 L.A. Clippers 97
Oklahoma City 98 New Orleans 83
San Antonio 97 New York 87
Utah 115 Detroit 104
Toronto at Sacramento

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With the playoffs out of sight, what's an Oilers fan to do? Root for the loss, of course. Scan this code for the story.

Sports in brief

CROSBY Sidney Crosby announced yesterday he is donating his earnings from the Winter Olympics, \$20,000, to the Sidney Crosby Foundation. The Nova Scotia-based foundation provides financial support to charities.

CIS HOCKEY Saint Mary's Huskies defenceman Andrew Hotham was named Canadian Interuniversity Sport male athlete of the week yesterday. The third-year commerce student piled up nine points in just two games last week.

QMJHL Paul Dimitruk has been named the Halifax Mooseheads' scholastic player of the month for February.

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Building, buying or renovating?

HomeBuilding



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The idea of planning a new home or renovating your existing home is exciting.

However, the process does not happen overnight and the decision to go ahead is only one of many that will be made throughout the entire project. The next steps are probably some

of the most important ones that will be taken, and at the top of the list is the planning process.

Whether it is a brand new house or new siding, a kitchen, windows or a new deck, homeowners need to do their homework to make sure the finished product meets their expectations.

One way to start the planning process is to visit showrooms, home shows and seminars to learn about what is available and what products are of interest to you for the project.

In particular, the Nova Scotia Home Builders' Association (NSHBA) is pro-

"Whether it is a brand new house or new siding, a kitchen, windows or a new deck, homeowners need to do their homework to make sure the finished product meets their expectations."

ducing the 11th annual Real Home Show 2010, taking place at the Halifax Forum this Friday through Sunday.

This show will have ideas, information and products on display to

help provide consumers with a greater understanding of what is available for their new home or renovation project.

Professional builders, renovators and industry professionals, all of whom

have the knowledge and expertise to provide suggestions, tips and answers to questions will also be participating in the Real Home Show.

"Whether you are building a brand new home, making plans to do a major renovation or want to upgrade your existing home, people will be able to find the answers to all of their questions at the Real Home Show 2010," says Paul Pettipas, NSHBA chief executive officer. "There is something for everyone at the show."

This year there will also be a Million Dollar Promotion at the show. Visitors will have a chance to try

their luck to win \$1 million. All that is needed to participate in this promotion is your entry ticket and a little bit of luck. The promotion will be taking place in the Cleaner, Greener Building of the show.

The Real Home Show 2010 is a show designed for people who are considering building, buying or renovating, now or in the future. Plan to attend March 12-14 at the Halifax Forum. For more information on the Real Home Show phone 450-5554.

Sherry Donovan is the Communications Director for the Nova Scotia Home Builders' Association.

It's high time to freshen up

HomeScape



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After a long winter of living in tightly insulated spaces with closed windows, don't you want to throw open the shutters to the fresh, bracing air?

All homes build up odours that come from normal, necessary but smelly human activities,

like cooking, changing diapers, looking after pets and so on. At the end of the closed-in winter season, the air can smell stale. The best solution is to tackle the source of unpleasant smells:

- Air out the house as soon as the weather allows;
- Dust those hard-to-reach places that have accumulated a coating over the winter. Remember to wipe blinds;
- Change vacuum bags often;
- Remove encrusted ducts and vents and wash

off dusty deposits;

- Carpets and fabrics (upholstery and drapes, for example) can hold smells. Try sprinkling baking soda onto carpets or onto upholstery and leave it overnight, where it absorbs odours. In the morning, vacuum. And wash or professionally clean drapes at a cleaner that uses non-toxic chemicals;
- Consider having carpeting or rugs professionally steam cleaned, and replace old carpets.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in decor and design. She's written for the TV show Arresting Design; sputz@arrestingdesign.com.



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Style



Obama gown for exhibit

Michelle Obama said Tuesday that she'll always cherish the moment she slipped into her inaugural ball gown, a one-shouldered, white chiffon design. She'll have to hold on to the memories because the gown isn't exactly hers anymore. In keeping with tradition, Obama donated the Jason Wu design to the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History this week. It will go on public display in a new gallery for the museum's first ladies exhibit, featuring president's wives from Mamie Eisenhower to the present.

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March break must-haves

Tips on creating your suitcase shortlist

JORDANA DIVON
for Metro Canada

Whether you've pinned your Miami plane ticket to the cubicle wall, or fluffed up your down jacket in preparation for the slopes, Metro has assembled a list of March break must-haves to make your suitcase shortlist.

For the sunward bound, this season is all about legs and knowing how to use them. Holt Renfrew's style guru Barbara Atkin offers a few tips on how to wear minis — and not let them wear you.

"This season we saw a contest of short, shorter and shortest across the runway, a trend that works perfectly with a warmer climate and looks great with a tan," she says. However, "make sure to pack a nude shoe to elongate your leg when you show them off in the season's shorter silhouettes."

Pair your mini with nude Stuart Weitzman pumps and an oversized white tank top to emphasize your low-

er extremities. And keep in mind: the mini trend extends to your accessories as well.

"Ladylike accessories made a big statement this season," adds Atkin, "so leave your oversized purse at home and opt for smaller, more refined bags to keep your essentials close to you."

If the combination of sunshine and all those tanned, bare legs leaves you squinting for mercy, make sure to protect your eyes with oversized shades. Bold, round shapes and metallics are in for spring, but pick a pair that gives UVA protection as well as style.

Don't worry guys, we haven't forgotten about you. Your pants may be a little longer in the leg, but not shorter on style. Try khaki shorts along with a comfortable white linen shirt to keep cool.

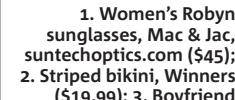
Or if you plan on hitting the waves, you can't go wrong with classic blue trunks, but make sure to cover your delicate snowbird scalp with an oversized hat that will leave you with plenty of change in your tequila fund.

For those trading one snow bank for another, think warm but flattering outdoorwear.

Law student Elise Fatourech is planning to visit her boyfriend in Switzerland, and her must-have, fittingly enough, is a tailored

boyfriend jacket. "Boyfriend jackets are so versatile, and you can pair them with anything," she

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Entertainment

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★★★★★ A CLASSIC: ★★★★★ EXCELLENT: ★★★ GOOD: ★★ FAIR: ★ POOR

Gorillaz take the beach

Gorillaz

Album: Plastic Beach

Label: EMI

Rating: $\frac{1}{2}$

DAMON ALBARN SAID he wanted “an incredibly eclectic, surprising cast of people” and he got it for the third and finest Gorillaz album yet. First conceived as a project called Carousel, Plastic Beach is just that: A heady mélange that can spin from a heavenly arrangement by The National Orchestra For Arabic Music into a giddy hip-hop bounce with U.K. rappers Kano and Bashy in the span of one track (White Flag). De La Soul and Gruff Rhys live up to a vivid title like



Superfast Jellyfish with a romp that's cartoonish and amusing, exemplifying everything the Gorillaz concept was supposed to be in only "three microwave minutes." **Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada**

Broken Bells

Album: Broken Bells

Label: Columbia/Sony Music

Rating:

IT SOMETIMES SEEMS like anything Danger Mouse touches



turns to gold. He made Cee-Lo famous with Gnarls Barkley and helped turn Gorillaz into something other than a Damon Albarn side project. He's not as successful with the Shins'




James Mercer, but the collaboration still works. DM's electro pop backing coupled with Mercer's soft, soothing voice makes for some incredibly infectious tracks — Vaporize to name one — but other songs lack punch. It's a good disc for sure, but with these two huge musical talents at the helm, it could have been a bit better.

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Jason Collett

Album: Rat a Tat Tat

Label: Arts & Craft/EMI

Rating:   

JASON COLLETT IS a curious character. He's reached a good level of

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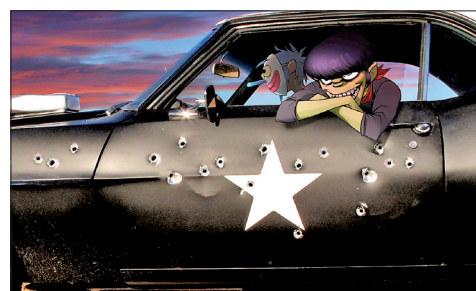
popularity, but his music isn't nearly as moving as many of Canada's other guitar-slinging folkies. His records are a mix of catchy rock and acoustic numbers and sleepy, forgettable songs. That said, his music keeps getting better and *Rat a Tat Tat* is an improvement. It's not a masterpiece, but songs like the Joel Plaskett-ish *Lake Superior* and the Dylan sounding *Winnipeg Winds* are interesting for the Canadian mythologizing as much as they are for their infectious melodies. Overall, this is a decent record — it may not get regular repeat plays, but it's still worth checking out.

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Love interest

Keri Russell is returning to television in a new Fox sitcom produced by Arrested Development creator Mitch Hurwitz and starring Will Arnett. Sources say Russell is in final talks to play Arnett's love interest. EW.COM



Gorillaz new album *Plastic Beach* is a heady mélange that can spin from a heavenly arrangement into a giddy hip-hop bounce.

Besnard Lakes

Album: The Besnard Lakes
are the Roaring Night


Label: Jagiaquwar/Sonic Unyon

Rating:

IF YOU LIKED the Besnard Lakes' last masterpiece, you'll love their new one. Like ...Are The Dark Horse, this third effort is another expansive, drone, harmony-filled affair. The band's lush,

Beach Boys-like vocals are out in full force — Albatorross is a gorgeous track that sounds more like a journey through the history of sound than a stand-alone song, while *Land of the Living Skies Pt. 2* is what Pink Floyd would sound like if they started making music today. It's a heavy, time-consuming listen, but well worth the effort.

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Dench mulling memoir

Judi Dench — who has had a career spanning 50 years which has seen her win nine BAFTAs, seven Laurence Olivier Awards, an Oscar, two Golden Globes and a Tony Award — has reportedly agreed to pen an account of her life. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



League of his own

Canadian Baruchel grows into leading man

STEVE GOW
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Canadians love to celebrate their own. Whether it's basketball stars like Steve Nash or master thespians like William Shatner, if you make it big in America, we embrace you. Well, Canada's latest hero is now waiting in the wings and his name is Jay Baruchel.

A slim, unassuming 27-year old who's as humble as he is an unlikely celebrity, the Ottawa-born actor should perhaps be further rewarded for his patriotism since he still resides in Montreal and wears a maple leaf tattoo over his heart even as he's about to release his latest big Holly-

wood comedy, *She's Out of My League*.

"If it meant that I had to move away from Canada to have a career in this business, it just wasn't ever going to happen," Baruchel once told the *Victoria Times Colonist*.

So who is this proud patriot? And how did Baruchel get to be so popular in Tinseltown?

"He's a charm to work with," said filmmaker Randall Cole in an interview. "He brings the acting but he's also great off the set and everyone's just happy to be around him."

Baruchel actually began

as a teen appearing in Canadian TV shows like *Popular Mechanics for Kids* before he moved to America. There, he soon landed a role on Judd Apatow's short-lived television series

Undeclared where he would befriend fellow Canuck actor Seth Rogen.

Bolstered by his placement in the popularity of the so-called Apatow Gang,

Baruchel quickly gained notice with roles in such blockbusters as *Million Dollar Baby*, *Tropic Thunder* and *Knocked Up*. However, even as his star rose, he would pepper his Hollywood hits with inti-



Jay Baruchel plays Alice Eve's unlikely love interest in *She's Out of My League*.

mate Canadian films like Cole's comedy *Real Time*.

"That's just always been my taste," Baruchel once told the *Montreal Film Journal*.

"The happiest part about my career so far, is having

a resume that reflects my tastes, my opinions, what I find funny."

Well, it seems audiences certainly find Baruchel funny. Set to become Canada's latest superstar with upcoming leads in *She's*

Out of My League, *How to Train Your Dragon* and the acclaimed Canuck comedy *The Trotsky*, William Shatner may have to roll over — there's a new kid with a maple leaf just a bit closer to his chest.

Nicole Smith's life drama now opera

SHOW The world premiere of Mark-Anthony Turnage's *Anna Nicole* will be presented by the Royal Opera next Feb. 17,



Nicole Smith

starring Dutch soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek as the late model and Playboy playmate.

Covent

Garden music director Antonio Pappano will conduct and Richard Jones will direct, the company announced yesterday.

Turnage is the composer of Greek and the West End show *Jerry Springer: The Opera*. The libretto is by Richard Thomas.

Anna Nicole Smith died of an accidental drug overdose in 2007. She was 39.

She was *Playboy's* Playmate of the Year in 1993. She married 89-year-old J. Howard Marshall II the following year. After his death in 1995, she fought a protracted legal battle with his son over his estimated \$500-million fortune. Smith died five months after the death of her 20-year-old son from her first marriage.

The opera company also said the world premiere of Judith Weir's *Miss Fortune*, a co-commission with the Bregenz Festival, will take place in Bregenz on July 21, 2011. The production will open the Covent Garden in March 2012.

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He's not buying it

Andy Richter doesn't buy that Jay Leno had to go along with NBC in the shuffle that cut short Conan O'Brien's reign as Tonight Show host, sarcastically saying, "multimillionaires are always being forced to do things." **TVGUIDE.COM**

Pulling together in The Pacific

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

After an enduring 18 years in Hollywood, Jon Seda finally landed perhaps the most important role of his career.

The long-time thespian, who has played everything from Jennifer Lopez's love interest in Selena to Detective Falsone on the TV series Homicide: Life on the Street, is now making his mark as a sharp-shooting sergeant in HBO's \$200-million 10-part wartime mini-series *The Pacific*.

"At first it seemed like something you want to be part of because as an actor you've got (producers) Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg (and) you know what they did with Band of Brothers (which they produced in 2001 for HBO as well)," said Seda during a recent interview.

"But when you actually



Jon Seda stars in the new HBO mini-series *The Pacific*.

start diving into the research and boot camp and all that, there's a point where I think it really hit (the actors) that this was something bigger than us."

Based on the true stories of three U.S. Marines stationed in South East Asia during the Second World War, *The Pacific* is a fascinating historical account of the men who fought barbaric battles in

dense jungles against a persistent enemy that refused to surrender.

"This was definitely the most physically demanding thing I've been a part of but I think the surprise was it was equally or more mentally challenging," admitted Seda of the intense 10-month film shoot.

"When you think about what (these soldiers) actually went through ... we had to stay in line with what they actually did so the reality of the fact that someone went through this was pretty overwhelming."

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Jon Seda

That wasn't the only overwhelming aspect for the hundreds of intimidated young actors who took part in *The Pacific*.

Heightened by its big-name production duo, Tom Hanks even played a general one day when he rode up in a jeep and brought an air of calm to the troops.

"I'm pretty sure it was the first day of boot camp and he gave a big speech to everyone," reflected Seda fondly. "He said, 'We're all here, we're all family, we're all together and we'll get through this together' and that kind of set the tone and got us going."

The Canadian Corey dies

DEATH Former teen idol Corey Haim, best known for his role in the 1987 hit *The Lost Boys*, has died after a well-documented battle with drug addiction and a string of B-movie roles aimed at returning to the spotlight. He was 38.

The Toronto-born actor died at a Burbank hospital early Wednesday morning, said Lt. Cheryl MacWillie of the Los Angeles County coroner.

An autopsy will determine the cause of death and there were no other details, she said. Sgt. Michael Kammert added there's no evidence of foul play.

Haim had flu-like symptoms before he died and was getting over-the-counter and prescription medications, Sgt. William Mann said. The cause of death was unknown.

In his heyday, the baby-faced actor was a box office draw with his boyish

good looks and goofy grin. He and fellow teen sensation Corey Feldman, who co-starred with Haim in *The Lost Boys*, *Dream A Little Dream* and *Dream A Little Dream 2*, became known as "the two Coreys" — a relationship they parlayed into an attempted comeback in 2007 with the A&E reality series, *The Two Coreys*.

Haim's fall from grace was well-known. He acknowledged his struggle with drug abuse to *The Sun* in 2004, in which he told the British tabloid that success in the '80s led to heavy drug and alcohol use.

"I was working on *Lost Boys* when I smoked my first joint," he said, adding that led to 15 attempts at rehab and a stroke. "I did cocaine for about a year and a half, then it led to crack."

Haim got his start in television commercials at 10

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The name intrigues, so we drop by B-well for lunch. There is lots of natural light and the decor is bright and cheery. One young woman is curled up in an armchair, sipping tea and reading a novel. It's that kind of place.

The menu features noodles and rolls and a small selection of nigiri and sashimi. The \$11.95 lunch special offers a comforting bowl of miso soup, garden salad, tea or coffee



giant prawn tempura and green lettuce wrapped in avocado with soy sauce. The eight pieces arrive looking suitably dramatic, but the prawns don't taste fresh.

My pal has a yummy bowl of Tempura Udon Noodles (\$8.50) in a spicy broth with shrimp and vegetable tempura. It's large and satisfying.

While the food could be improved, our server is charming and our visit leaves us feeling well.

Top: Dragon Roll (\$8.50).

Right: Tempura Udon Noodles (\$8.50). **Left:** Sushi Rolls.

and a choice of two kinds of rolls. I have the California Roll and this day's special, Crispy Spicy Tuna, which proves to be my favourite.

The Dragon Roll (\$8.50) sounds tempting — two

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TASTY Wolfville's Tempest Restaurant won Best of Show at Savour. Chef Michael Howell wowed diners with Emperor's BBQ Duck, braised and shredded duck in a black bean bbq sauce on scallion pancake with shallots and cilantro puree.

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- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe of (Jim Denevan's) Marinated Roasted Beets.



In brief

CELEBRITY COOKING A Friends for Refugees Fundraiser featuring Craig Flinn from Chives Restaurant with a delicious menu from his cookbook Fresh & Local. Monday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Barrington Street Super Store, \$40. Contact: lindasantoloe@eastlink.ca.
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Kate Gosselin shed her \$7,000 US hair extensions on Wednesday, her stylist Ted Gibson told Radaronline. Gibson explains that he'll put Gosselin's extensions back in — featuring new, multiple shades of blonde — on Thursday, usmagazine.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Farrah not forgotten

JUST NOT ENOUGH FILM WORK TO MAKE HER OSCAR-WORTHY It was no oversight. The executive director of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has apologized to the friends, family and fans of Farrah Fawcett, who was conspicuously omitted from Sunday night's Oscar-event tribute to Hollywood personalities who had died over the past year, people.com reports.

While some agents and publicists, as well as actors, were included in the memorial, Fawcett, a high-profile star better known for her TV work (who also appeared on the big screen), was not. Neither was Bea Arthur. Among those criticizing the Academy for its selective omissions were critic Roger Ebert and Oscar-winner Jane Fonda. In response, the Academy's Bruce Davis,

who was responsible for the "in memoriam" segment (and has been since the tradition began in 1993), said late Tuesday: "There's nothing you can say to people, particularly to family members, within a day or two of the show that helps at all. They tend to be surprised and hurt, and we understand that and we're sorry for it." Davis had considered including her, but ultimately felt her "remarkable television work would be more appropriately honoured at the TV Academy's Emmys," which she was.

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Looking for roles in all the right places

GLITTER IS DEAD BUT NOT SOON FORGOTTEN Mariah Carey is looking to keep her acting career going, and she hopes her future films are more like Precious

than her famous flop, Glitter, she tells E! News.

"I'm going to try to be careful about what I do," she says.

"You've got to work with people who bring you to another level, and you have to surround yourself with people you can fully give yourself to."

So who does she think can do that for her? Woody Allen.

"I've never met him, but Bullets Over Broadway is one of my favourite movies ever," Carey says.

"I can quote every word. I think it's amazing."

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NICK CANNON isn't worried about his career prospects, **DIABLO CODY** is questioning her tastes, **KAT DENNINGS** is already over it, and **ASHTON KUTCHER** is concerned about his appearance.

@NickCannon If I get fired, I still got like 17 other jobs LOL. It's all about the principal of the art! I am a comedian, people need to relax!

@diablocody Amazon just rec'd Lauren Conrad's LA Candy to me. This is the robot equivalent of a friend from the Midwest screaming "YOU'VE CHANGED!"

@OfficialKat On a scale of 1-10, please rate how sick you are of being sent the new OK Go video

@aplusk Time for a hair cut. I'm starting to look like Justin Bieber

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Still crazy (in love) after all these years

WE SHOULD ALL BE SO LUCKY Jeff Bridges, 60, who has been married to his wife Susan for 33 years, claims sex can ruin a person and he would never be tempted to cheat on his partner, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

He said: "You don't want to get sexually involved with the other actor. It spells trouble. My family was and is too

precious to me. I know sex can lose you everything."

Despite his lengthy union with Susan, Bridges — who won the Oscar for Best Actor for his role in Crazy Heart on Sunday — insists their passion hasn't waned over time and their relationship keeps getting better.

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Acting shmacking

ROCKING OUT IS WHERE IT'S AT Gossip Girl star Taylor Momsen can relate to her troubled character on the hit show.

"Whether she's the bitchy mean girl or the nice girl from Brooklyn, she still never fully finds herself," Momsen tells Parade magazine.

zine. "It's been kind of like that for me my whole life."

Luckily, the 16-year-old star has her burgeoning music career to help her feel better.

"Music is where I can be me," she says. "It's what I want to do with my life ... Acting is easy."

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Two and half weeks

IN REHAB, LET'S HOPE, MAKE HIM MORE THAN HALF A MAN Charlie Sheen actor is expected to resume filming the comedy show next week, after he completes a stint in rehab for alleged problems with cocaine and alcohol.

The Two and a Half Man actor is expected to leave the facility — which he entered on Feb. 23 — in the coming days and according to his publicist will return to his show by Friday next week. The

actor is also scheduled to appear in court on Monday to answer domestic abuse charges stemming from his arrest on Christmas Day last year after a fight with his wife Brooke Mueller.

Sheen has been charged with menacing, misdemeanor assault and criminal mischief against his wife. The 44-year-old actor was urged to enter rehab by friends and family for the sake of Bob and Max, his and Brooke's 11-month-old twin sons.

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Sliding on the pole with her friends

IT'S LIKE THE MODERN EQUIVALENT OF A PILLOW FIGHT Jennifer Aniston is set to hit the U.K. this week to promote her new film, The Bounty Hunter, and she won't be alone.

The former Friends star is reportedly bringing along a body double to act as a decoy so that she can go sight-seeing without being hassled, according to the Daily Star.

There's no word on if she'll use that private time to enjoy more of her new favourite hobby, pole-dancing.

"Jen can't get enough of pole-dancing at the moment," a source says. "She loves getting all the girls together so they can all do it together and have a laugh. She thinks it's great for fitness and it makes her feel sexy."

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Maddox the wonder kid does everything

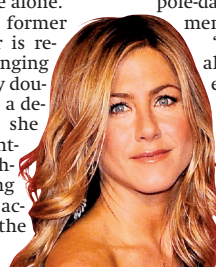
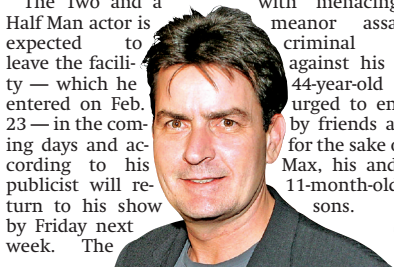
THIS IS ONE LUCKY LITTLE ORPHAN Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have reportedly been bragging to pals about how much of a genius their eldest son Maddox Jolie-Pitt is, according to the Daily Star.

The eight-year-old Jolie adopted from Cambodia before meeting Pitt apparently has a thing for the arts and languages.

"Maddox is amazingly smart and loves books and tinkering with gadgets," a source says. "He is a gifted painter

and sketch artist, takes piano lessons, does well in football and speaks fluent English, French, Spanish and his native Khmer."

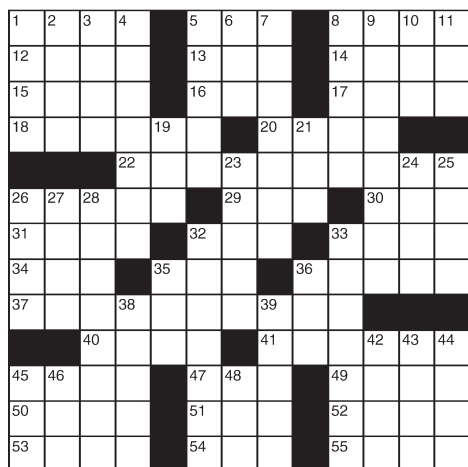
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ACROSS

- 1 Transmit
- 5 One of the kin
- 8 Actor Nicolas
- 12 Mimicry specialist
- 13 Dove's call
- 14 Family business abbr.
- 15 "Arrivederci"
- 16 Whatever amount
- 17 Aberdeen resident
- 18 Move down the computer screen
- 20 Huge financial loss
- 22 Hypocritical respect
- 26 Encrypted
- 29 Scenery chewer
- 30 Promise
- 31 Very dry
- 32 Noise
- 33 Part of N.B.
- 34 Corral
- 35 Gun the engine
- 36 Riddle

- 37 Buyer of canines?
- 40 Loafer, e.g.
- 41 Lecture hall
- 45 Practice pugilism
- 47 "The Greatest"
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- 51 Afternoon social
- 52 Layer
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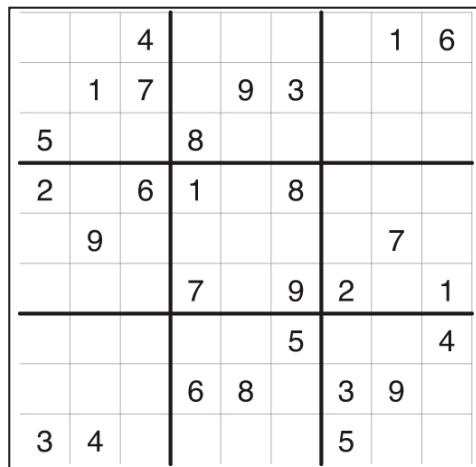
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- 3 Approach
- 4 Slobbered
- 5 Resell for a big profit
- 6 Charged bit
- 7 Tofu source
- 8 Katie Couric's employer
- 9 Document repository
- 10 Sticky stuff
- 11 NYC hrs.
- 15 Cover
- 21 Branch
- 23 Hindu god of destruction
- 24 Scoop holder
- 25 Basin accessory
- 26 P.D. rank
- 27 Sandwich cookie
- 28 Barney, for one
- 32 Triumphs over
- 33 Refuse to buy
- 35 Pi follower
- 36 Use a crowbar
- 38 A crowd?
- 39 Trojan War story
- 42 Pennsylvania port
- 43 Addict
- 44 Early time, in verse
- 45 Pigs' digs
- 46 Expert
- 48 Grazing land

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



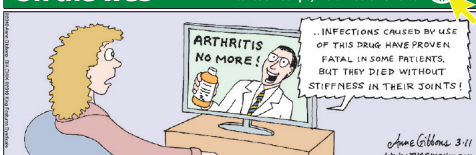
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day



Easy Pizza Soup

INGREDIENTS:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) vegetable oil
- 500 ml (2 cups) sliced white mushrooms
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 5 ml (1 tsp) dried Italian herb seasoning
- 1 sweet red pepper, chopped
- 1 can pizza sauce
- 550 ml (2 1/4 cups) water
- 3 tomatoes, chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) diced ham
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) croutons
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) shredded mozzarella cheese

METHOD:

1. In a large pot, heat oil over medium heat. Stir in

mushrooms, garlic, onion and seasoning; cook for 5 minutes or until vegetables are softened.

2. Stir in red pepper, pizza sauce and water; bring to a boil. Stir in tomatoes and ham; reduce heat, cover and simmer for 10 minutes or until flavours have blended. (Make ahead: Let cool, cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days.)

3. Divide croutons among bowls; spoon soup over top. Sprinkle with cheese.

SERVES 4

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Take a risk if you must but make sure you have a fall-back plan if things don't work out the way you hope.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
With Venus, your ruler, squaring up to Pluto power games are likely over the next 24 hours, but you don't have to play them.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
With Venus at right angles to power planet Pluto today disputes of one sort or another are more likely or not.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
If a friend or colleague tells you something in confidence today you must not immediately tell everyone else about it.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Today's challenging aspects will remind you that you cannot possibly do everything yourself – nor should you want to.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
With Mars on your side you won't hesitate to take the fight to the enemy. Who might that be? Anyone who challenges your right to act independently.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you have encroached on someone's territory you must accept the fact that you are in the wrong and make amends quickly.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Pluto in your sign makes you somewhat pugnacious, so take care you don't say or do things that upset the people who mean the most to you.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Do you wait to see how a situation develops or do you act and try to head off a potential disaster? Only you can decide.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't try to be someone you have no need to be. It's okay to have role models but it's not okay to imitate them in every way.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
No matter how much it pays, if your heart is not in the job you are advised to give it a miss.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Dig around in areas that some people say are too weird to be taken seriously.

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